

Sinclair
Broadcasting's plan
to air a partisan
anti-Kerry program
two weeks before the
election, while
pre-empting local
programming is NOT
in the public's
best interest.

Their decision to
force their stations
to air this
anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. We want
to see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter, not
programming designed
at headquarters.

Their actions are a
violation of the
public trust and
needs to be dealt
with.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.